

transfer of foreign goods, in offering to receive goods from Paris and elsewhere on the Continent, for the International Exhibition, free of any charge excepting expenses actually paid out, and had arranged with his agents in Paris and London accordingly. It would be commendable in many other shippers and carriers to imitate such an example.

BUILDING NOTES IN IRELAND.

The Board of Public Works are erecting a new lunatic asylum at Bligh, according to plans furnished by Mr. Wm. D. Butler, architect; also one at Cork, of which Mr. W. Atkins is the architect.

The Poor-Law Commissioners are erecting union workhouses at Strokestown, county Roscommon, Mount Bellow, and Middleton, according to drawings furnished by their architect, Mr. George Wilkinson.

The interior of Father Mathews's chapel, Cork, is approaching completion, from the designs of Mr. W. Atkins, architect. The open framed roof is of red pine, coloured to imitate oak. The style is Gothic. A memorial stained-glass window, by Gibbs, of London, is in the northern altar end. It represents eight of the most remarkable passages in the life of the Redeemer. The window cost 500*l*. On the lower part it is stated that it was erected to the memory of the late Daniel O'Connell, Esq. M.P.

The south side of Belgrave-square, Monks-grove, has been just completed; the houses are of a superior class, and have been erected from the designs of Mr. John Bourke, architect, at a cost of nearly 9,000*l*.

Saint Mary's convent, at Caltra, has been lately considerably augmented; two new wings have been built, one of which contains the female departments of the Catholic deaf and dumb institution. Mr. Bourke is the architect. Cost, 3,000*l*.

Saint Mary's convent, at Kingstown, has been much extended. A new wing, containing additional cells, refectory, community-room, with a large chapel, has been built. The altar, about 9 feet high, is of wood, and composed of four Corinthian columns, surmounted by an entablature and a pediment. At each side there are wings, with doors leading to vestry, &c., having entablatures extended thereon, and surmounted by a balustrade. It is painted in imitation of marble. The style of chapel is Grecian. Cost of additions about 2,000*l*. The drawings have been furnished by the last-named architect.

An order has been issued for the abolition of Newgate as a city gaol, and preparations are being made for its conversion into a depot for the reception of convicts.

The works on the line of the Great Southern and Western Railway, between Mallow and Cork, which are by far the most important and heaviest on the entire extent of this railway, have been completed in a satisfactory manner by Mr. Dargen. The second line of rails is laid, and the whole of the permanent way finished. The water-channels are formed, and cleaned out along the cuttings; a short distance of wire fencing is in hand, which is the only work remaining to be done. The slip in the cutting, on the south side of the embankment at Mallow, which was at first so troublesome, has been rendered perfectly secure and firm by a proper drainage. The new station at Kilberry is in an advanced state; the roof of the shed is on, and the whole will be ready for traffic in a few days. In consequence of the works at the tunnel having been partially suspended in May last, the progress was not so great as it would otherwise have been. Their present state is as follows:—The excavation at the north extends to a distance of 1,330 feet from the face, and the tunnel has been constructed to the full width and height at that end, for an extent of 1,140 feet. At the third shaft, the north heading has been driven 173 feet, and the south heading 195 feet. The tunnel, at that shaft, has been formed to an extent of 160 feet; on the south end, towards Glanmire road, the heading has been driven 1,200 feet, and the tunnel is excavated to its full height and width for a distance of 690 feet. The second line of rails from Mallow to Cork has been examined by the Government inspector, and

he has highly approved of it. Sir John McNeill, engineer.

The committee of the Mendicity Institution have awarded the premium of five guineas for the best design to convert a portion of the present buildings into baths and washhouses to Mr. John S. Butler, architect.

The guardians of the Abbeley Union have advertised for tenders for the erection of alterations and additions to their workhouse, according to plans, &c., furnished by the Poor-law Commissioners' architect, Mr. Wilkinson.*

MASONS' AND SCULPTORS' PROVIDENT INSTITUTION.

A SPECIAL general meeting of the subscribers and donors to this Institution was held at the Mechanics' Institution, Westminster, on Tuesday last, Mr. Tite, F.R.S., the president, in the chair. The meeting was respectfully attended, and, amongst others, we were glad to see a good few wives and daughters, who have all, or ought to have, a deep interest in the success of such an Institution as this.

The chief purpose of calling the meeting was, that the Managing Committee might have the sanction of the members and donors to the appointment of two pensioners. A report was read recommending this, and congratulating the Society that they were now in a position to do so. The Chairman explained the principal business of the evening, which also included the appointment of a sub-treasurer (Mr. Farrow), and a collector. As to the appointment of pensioners, he had himself urged that some such step should be taken, to show the utility of the Institution, and that they were in earnest. One of the candidates for the pensions, which would amount to seven shillings a week, was a young man, who had belonged to this Institution, as a member, at a time when he was much more likely to help the institution than to require help from it; but such was the uncertainty of human affairs, that what they could do for others to day, they might require others to do for them to-morrow. An affliction of Providence had rendered him helpless, and he had no other resource but to rely on this his own society and brotherhood. Such were the fruits of self-reliance, and a will to help one another. The second pensioner was an old man, whose energies were exhausted in labours like their own, and who now relied on them alone for support. There might have been other candidates, but, unfortunately for themselves, they had not persevered with their subscriptions, and, as they knew, it could only be on regular and steady subscribers that such benefits could be conferred. The society, he was happy to say, was increasing in number, but what he desired was, not even twenties or thirties, but large numbers, for by these only could the provident purposes of such an institution, for the benefit of those among them who might chance to require its aid, be successfully wrought out.

The report was unanimously adopted, the pensioners to receive their first week's pension this Saturday.

In response to a question asked, the chairman explained, that while the usual subscription of 10*s*. a-year entitled the subscriber to a vote in the appointment of pensioners, as does a donation of 5*l*., a subscription of 2*l*. 10*s*. a-year could secure the highest privilege attainable by any donation however large, namely, five votes; it was a mistake to suppose that donors had any other or greater privilege.

NOTES IN THE PROVINCES.

THE foundation-stone of a new congregational chapel, to hold 1,200, was laid at Cheltenham by A. O. Wells, Esq. of Bristol, on the 25th ult., in the presence of upwards of 4,000 spectators. The style of the building will be Decorated, and the cost 4,500*l*. The works will be executed by contractors in each of the branches of the building trade, as the building committee resolved "that the building should not be monopolised by one person, but that each tradesman should carry out the works belonging to his particular branch." Mr. S. Onley, jun., is the architect.—On Tuesday

* Erratum.—In a previous article, the subject over Valley at Cheltenham was misdescribed as "laid out" over the Bognor.

in last week the first stone of the National Schools at Brompton, Chatham, was laid by Mrs. Cook, the wife of the incumbent of the parish. The Ordnance have presented a site, and the Admiralty a grant in aid. The schools will be for 300 children.—In some parts of Leicester, according to the local Journal, soft water is selling at 3*d*. a bucket.—Exercises are being made in Wisbech to erect by shares a building suitable for public assemblies, meetings, concerts, reading, and temperance rooms, &c.—A public subscription is in progress for the repairs of St. Alban's Church, Worcester. The sum required is only 250*l*.

The first stone of Trinity Chapel of Ease was laid at Malvern on Wednesday week. Architect, Mr. Davies; Builder, Mr. Haynes.—The Queen's Hotel at Cheltenham, which cost 47,000*l*., including the land, and the original rental of which was 2,100*l*. per annum, was offered for sale by auction lately. The highest bid was 14,900*l*., and it was bought in at 15,000*l*.

The New Exhibition Hall, in which it is intended to hold the Birmingham Cattle Show, is now in course of erection. It will be about 224 feet by 212, enclosing nearly an acre and a quarter of land. The roof will be divided into five compartments, supported externally by the enclosing walls, and internally by cast-iron columns; but the building is so constructed that it can readily be divided into five separate compartments, each having a distinct entrance from King Alfred's and King Edward's place. The walls are to be of blue and red bricks, the roof of timber, with wrought-iron ties, and covered with slate, except that portion occupied by the skylights, which will be glazed with strong sheet-glass. The middle of each compartment will be forty-three feet, except the centre one, which will be forty-seven feet, and surmounted by a clerestory to give greater altitude and light. The elevation is of the Roman Doric order, having a succession of pilasters along the principal frontages, and in the centre of each is a portico.

Six main sewers are about to be put down in Walsall by the local improvement commissioners.—It is said that the operative tailors of Liverpool, to the number of some 700 or 800, are about to erect a public hall, and execute orders on the co-operative principle.—The Manchester corporation are allowing White's gas apparatus to be erected at their gas works for the conversion of the gas tar into gas.—A new chimney at Broughton, about 35 yards high, lately fell to the ground, carrying part of a mill with it. The cause of the fall is not stated.—A chimney, 130 yards high, has just been completed at Weston, near Runcorn; it contains a million of bricks, and was built by Mr. White, of Runcorn, in five months.—Shares to the amount of about 1,000*l*. have been taken towards the sum necessary to erect a public hall at Sheffield.

The premises of the Mechanics' Institute at Carlisle are about to be altered and repaired on plans by Mr. Hodgson, of Post-office Court, Carlisle, architect.—A sum of 100,000*l*., left by a Mr. John Morgan, for an hospital to be established at Dundee, for the education of the poor children of the nine trades, is likely to have the substance sucked out of it by the Scotch lawyers, for the benefit of the heirs at law on the one hand, and the poor children on the other.

NORTH SIDE OF CHURCHYARD.—One of your writers has recently endeavoured to explain the popular dislike to burial on the north side of the church, by reference to the place of the churchyard cross, the superstitions, and the greater resort of the people to the south. These are not only ineffectual reasons, but they are incorrect. The doctrine of regions was coeval with the death of our Lord. The east was the realm of the trader; the especial Throne of God. The west was the domain of the people; the Galilee of all nations was there. The south, the land of the mid-day, was sacred to things heavenly and divine. The north was the devoted region of Satan and his hosts; the lair of demons and their haunt. In some of our ancient churches, over against the font, and in the northern walls, there was a devil's door. It was thrown open at every baptism for the escape of the fiend, and at all other seasons carefully closed. Hence came the old inside to sepulture at the north.—Notes and Queries.